

Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes

For Sept. 18, 2012

Members Present: Sheryl Romasco, Jill Kenrick, Roy Henry, & Mary Brundage.
Absent: Shelly Merriam, Beth Butler and Dierdra Cahill.

Call to order at 10:00 AM.

Minutes of July 31, 2012 reviewed and approved.

Motion made to accept the minutes of July 31, 2012 made by Sheryl and seconded by Roy.

Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Financials – Review of July and August 2012 Cemetery funds' spreadsheets show financial accounts to be in order, except for recent addition of \$50.00 donation to the Buffum Cemetery account from the Buffum Family Association on Sept 4, 2012.
2. Town's new, updated website: Sheryl and Jill have requested to be on the Town's e-alert message system which sends notices of upcoming town committee meetings such as Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Zoning Board Meetings. Through this notification, we can review agenda notices ahead of time to ensure our attendance of meetings involving historic cemeteries. For those interested in receiving such alerts, go to the Town's website at www.uxbridge-ma.gov/pages/index . Go to the column on left of page – click on "Quick Links." Go to "Subscribe to E-Alerts."

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Stephen Holbrook Cemetery #31:** Sheryl received an email from Richard Armstrong, a great, great, great grandson of Stephen & Hopestill Holbrook. He expressed concern for the family cemetery located on Albee Road which has been surrounded by boulders/debris from the gravel operations and sub-division construction, underway for several years, in the immediate area. Sheryl alerted to upcoming Conservation Committee meeting on October 1, 2012 concerning MountainView & Holbrook Estates subdivision. Sheryl and Jill to review subdivision plans, Stephen Holbrook Cemetery files. Jill to attend Conservation Commission meeting on Oct 1st and to ask Shelly if she too can attend meeting.

Update to Sept 18th Minutes: Jill and Shelly did attend the October 1, 2012 Conservation Commission Meeting concerning Mountain View Estates subdivision & Holbrook Cemetery. Neither the subdivision owner, nor his new engineering company representatives showed up for the meeting. The new engineering company is Goddard Consulting LLC. Jill & Shelly did speak with Conservation Commission members about U.H.C.C.'s goals of protection and preservation of the cemetery on the subdivision's site, and earlier agreements made to the subdivision definitive plans to add buffer zones and right-of-way for the cemetery, and a separate deed to Town of Uxbridge for this cemetery. Con. Com. Public Hearing on this matter continued, and moved to next meeting,

October 15, 2012. Jill attended Oct. 15 meeting only to learn that this meeting had been cancelled and re-scheduled to Nov 5, 2012.

2. **Uxbridge Library's Historical Room, 2nd floor:** Sheryl spoke to Library Director, and both have agreed to eventually move and store Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee's documents and files in the library's 2nd floor, locked room for future preservation.
3. **Cemetery Maintenance Care:** Sheryl discussed with Town DPW manager, Ben Sherman, for additional help on maintenance care around town-owned historic cemeteries, i.e., brush removal and trimming around cemeteries when requested. Chris Cota only responsible for mowing of cemetery grounds.
4. **Buffum Cemetery #25, 115 Buffum Road:** Mary and Jill discussed concern and need for shrub/sapling/brush clean-up and removal around the outside of cemetery's stonewalls. Jill took photographs of extensive growth, particularly on boundary side of abutting neighbor's property. New surveying tags in area, suggest potential sale of neighbor's property.

Remaining Schedule of Planned Meetings for 2012:

- **Tuesday October 30, 2012, 10:00 AM** at the Farnum House.
- **Monday, November 12, 2012**, at Farnum House. (due to Tuesday Elections)
- Holidays' get-together luncheon on December 11, 2012.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 30, at 10:00 AM, at Farnum House.

Motion made to adjourn at 11:30 AM by Mary, seconded by Sheryl. Unanimous.

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Approved unanimously on Tuesday, October 30, 2012:

Jill C. Kenrick

Mary H. Brundage

Roz Kenney

Sheryl Romano

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Kenrick
Secretary
Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee